

Poverty in San Bernardino County

(based on 2000 US Census)

1,709,439

Total population, a 20.5% increase from the 1990 Census

263,412

The number of individuals living in poverty or 15.8% of the entire population,
A 24.4% increase in the percent from the 1990 Census.

60%

Of the general population is comprised of persons between the
ages of 18 and 64 years

54.3%

The percentage of females living below the poverty level

45.7%

The percentage of males living below the poverty level

51,186

The number of families living below the poverty level,
which was 40% higher during the 1990 Census

23.5%

Of all children under the age of 5 years living in poverty
This was a 23% increase since the 1990 Census

5,270

The minimum number of homeless (unduplicated) persons to as many as
8,351 were counted during the survey conducted in November 2002

6.8%

Of the population or 129,217 are receiving food stamps as of January 2004

71,671

Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) clients; 36,307 were children
(age 1-5 years); 18,292 were infants (age less than 1 year); and 17,072 were women.

14.1%

Of the population received cash benefits as of January 2003

* Of the 58 counties in California, San Bernardino County ranked 25th in percent of persons below the poverty level during the 2000 Census. During the 1990 Census, San Bernardino County ranked 31st in the same measure.